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7WASHINGTON COLBY A014 TO UPDATE; SUB 7TH GRAF; SAID.

ALTHOUGH COLBY SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION MONDAY, HE WILL REMAIN IN HIS JOB UNTIL BUSH RETURNS FROM HIS CHINA POST, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID TODAY. NESSEN ALSO SAID COLBY WILL CONTINUE COOPERATING WITH CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES INVESTIGATING THE CIA.

NESSEN GAVE NO INDICATION WHEN BUSH WOULD RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES OR WHETHER HE WOULD LEAVE CHINA PRIOR TO FORD'S SCHEDULED TRIP THERE SOMETIME LATER THIS YEAR.

7COLBY HAD; 8TH GRAF.

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